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1. Torgpredstvo in Tientsin has been instructed by the Soviet Embassy to make no close contact with the Chinese Communists. As a result, A. N. Suvorchenkov, Torgpredstvo director, has not seen the Communist mayor.
2. On 28 January a representative of the Chinese Communist Trade Administration Bureau who called on Suvorchenkov in regard to trade possibilities with the USSR indicated that the Communists wanted gasoline, kerosene, timber, and newsprint in exchange for wool, bristles, furs, and soya beans. Suvorchenkov said that he could do nothing officially. However, in informal talks which have been carried on daily for the past week between Suvorchenkov and other Chinese Communist representatives, the Communists have been assured that necessary supplies will soon be sent from Dairen and Vladivostok.
3. A. S. Titov, acting consul general in Tientsin, has told the Soviet community that he can do nothing to protect them as the USSR Government has no diplomatic relations with the Chinese Communists. A week ago, Titov visited the Communist mayor who informed Titov that he was being received as a private citizen and not as the consul general. The mayor promised to protect the Soviet community.
4. Titov has asked the Chinese Communists not to visit him directly, but to send representatives daily to K. G. Yershov, second secretary of the Consulate, meeting at places other than the Consulate.

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